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Joseph Zarzaca, Navy Training Systems Plan (NTSP) program and operations manager, left, is presented with the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Logistics and Industrial Competency (Air-6.0) employee of the quarter award for the second quarter of 2016 Aug. 30 by Todd Balazs, NAVAIR deputy assistant commander for Logistics and Industrial Operations (Air-6.0). Zarzaca manages the complete administrative tracking of activities, including NTSP development tasks, schedules and funding for more than 200 aviation platforms and systems for periodic review and update with up to 20 in work by his 12-member team at any given time. (U.S. Navy photo/released)

**NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND, PATUXENT RIVER, Md.** --- Ten years is a long time, and that's how long Naval Air Systems Command has been without the organic capability to manage training systems plans. One NAVAIR logistics professional is working to change that and, for his efforts, was named the Air-6.0 employee of the quarter for the second quarter of 2016.

Joseph Zarzaca, Navy Training Systems Plan (NTSP) program and operations manager in the Industrial and Logistics Maintenance Planning/Sustainment Department (Air-6.7), has established an internal government capability for managing NTSPs for NAVAIR previously provided by contractors. He and his 12-member team manage the complete administrative tracking of activities, including NTSP development tasks, schedules and funding for more than 200 aviation platforms and systems.

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Todd Balazs, deputy assistant commander for Logistics and Industrial Operations, said the new capability helps increase NAVAIR's credibility to its customers.

"When the fleet wants to know how to do something, they can call NAVAIR because that's who they can trust, and we can support that warfighter," he said.

Humble for being selected to the award, Zarzaca credited his team for providing support on the program.

"It's easy coming to work each day when your team is like family," Zarzaca said. "Hopefully I'm making them look good and making their jobs easier."

Tracy Moran, Air-6.7 director, praised Zarzaca's management skills in her award nomination letter.

"His wealth of subject matter expertise and sharing of corporate knowledge drastically improved the overall performance of the NTSP team," she wrote. "By his efforts, he established an organic team of professional NTSP product developers, a workforce construct that has not been in place for over 10 years."